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Subject: Your Question about Water Testing in Dimock

Hi Andy,

Roy forwarded to me the vm you left asking what happens next in regard to Dimock water testing. Here's our response. --
Terri

Our goal was to provide the Dimock community with complete and reliable information about the presence of contaminants in their drinking water and determine whether further action was warranted to protect public health. We have now completed sampling of 61 homes included in our assessment.

EPA's sampling between January and March 2012 did not indicate levels of contaminants that would give EPA reason to take further action. To provide certainty to residents and ensure a thorough and accurate analysis, EPA will resample the four wells where previous Cabot and state data showed levels of contaminants that pose a health concern but where EPA's initial round of sampling data did not detect levels that would require action.

EPA is also following-up with 3 homeowners who expressed interest in initial sampling but have not yet scheduled a time for the sampling to take place.

Once all of the sample results are complete, we will conduct a comprehensive review to determine if there are any trends or patterns in the data as it relates to home well water quality. Our actions will continue to be based on the best available science and legal authorities